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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Coordination)

SUBJECT : Non-United States Intelligence Board Intelligence Requirements Committee

REFERENCE : Draft Memo for Members of USIB from DD/C dated 7 January 1959

1. I am in general agreement with the referenced draft memorandum.
2. If the USIB does not assume jurisdiction over these activities, I would strongly urge that an effort be made to reduce the number of requirements committees. Even if different agencies need to be represented for different reasons, it should still be possible to accomplish the desired result by having certain representatives present for certain items and others present for other items, but still to have a single requirements representative from each major component.
3. It would seem to me that there should be certain safeguards included in any USIB proposal.
 - a. It should be made clear that every USIB agency does not have an inalienable right to representation in every requirements discussion. Both security and efficiency require the limitation of membership in particular situations.
 - b. It should be made clear that not every discussion of requirements has to be thrown into a committee. It is frequently possible to accomplish the necessary results most expeditiously and informally by consultations.

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